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SUBJ: GULF OIL RECONSIDERING POINTE NOIRE TRANSIT

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1. EXPLORATION MANAGER FROM INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF GULF, ON VISIT TO LIBREVILLE, INDICATED TO US THAT HOME OFFICE MAY OVERRULE LOCAL GULF REPRESENTATIVE AND STOP PLANNED USE OF POINTE NOIRE FOR BIWEEKLY CREW CHANGES AS REPORTED REFTEL.

2. WE STRONGLY REITERATED USG WARNING CONTAINED STATE 269745 AND ADVISED THAT GULF MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. VISITING OFFICIALS SAID THAT RECENT ARRESTS OF WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL PERSONNEL (UNDER CONTRACT TO GULF) PLUS REPORTS OF HEIGHTENED TENSION IN POINTE NOIRE APPEARED CONFIRM WISDOM OF USG WARNING, AND ADDED THAT COMPANY WOULD PROBABLY ABANDON POINTE NOIRE ROUTE DESPITE ITS CONVENIENCE.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH LOCAL LGULF REPRESENTATIVES AND KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED OF FINAL DECISION ON USE OF POINTE NOIRE FOR CREW CHANGES. STEIGMAN

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